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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

LIGHTNETWORKS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000130

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange
telecommunications services

ORDER PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

On April 25, 2000, LightNetworks of Virginia, Inc.
("LightNetworks" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a
certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate")
with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide
local exchange telecommunications services throughout the
Commonwealth of Virginia.

By Order dated July 6, 2000, the Commission docketed the
application; directed LightNetworks to give notice to the public
of its application; required the Commission Staff to conduct an
investigation into the reasonableness of the application and
present its findings in a Staff Report; and scheduled a public
hearing for September 13, 2000, to receive evidence relevant to
LightNetwork's application.

On August 23, 2000, the Commission issued an Order granting
the Applicant's August 21, 2000, motion requesting suspension of

the procedural schedule in this case pending a transfer in ownership of LightNetworks to another company. The Order suspended all procedural filing dates but retained on the docket the September 13, 2000, hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from public witnesses about LightNetworks application. No public witnesses appeared at this hearing.

On September 29, 2000, LightNetworks filed a motion with the Commission requesting that it be permitted to withdraw its application. LightNetworks states that its ownership has now been transferred, and the new owners do not wish to pursue obtaining a certificate in Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of this matter, we are of the opinion and find that LightNetwork's request for withdrawal of its application is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) LightNetwork's request for withdrawal of its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services is hereby granted.

(2) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case is dismissed without prejudice, and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.